

Football In Poetry

Mrs. Rollins
THREE TO GO

The Eagles from Burbank were really very kind
So we beat them readily for a rollicking good time.
Edison's Rangers were game and played against the odds
And once more the Pandas easily got the nods.
Deady's Hornets stung us! we remembered last year's din
But by staying with them all the way we got another win.
The Catamounts of Marshall put up a good scrap
We had to be very cagey to get them in our trap.
Those Leopards from Jackson really had us tied
Not once could we yell our favorite "SATISFIED."
That's water under the bridge; NOW be of good cheer—
Wolves howling, Bobcats prowling, and barking from Lanier
Should give us the incentive to help coaches and team
Not to mention our cheerleaders—each one is a dream!
Remember Washington, Cullen, and Purple Pup are each our foe
Get on the band wagon, TEAM and FANS and let's really really GO.

TWO TO GO

The Wolves went down in defeat, although still full of pep
The Pandas won a good game and advanced another step.
Next we meet the Bobcats who are brand new in the race
Let's keep our heads unswelled and advance another pace.

ONE TO GO

That game was won most easily; we hustled around like crazy
The Bobcat was very young, but he certainly was not lazy.
Next we meet our rival; Lanier's our dearest foe
Get out your ribbons, banners, cars—and everybody go.

GONE

All's well that ends well. 'Twas never better said
The Purple Pup rushed home to go and soak his head.
We won our Championship honestly, albeit, the hard way
November Seventeen of Fifty Five was PANDEMONIUM'S DAY!
—Mrs. Rollins

PANDAS WIN—

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more scoring, tension rose among the players and students of both schools. Finally, late in the third, Cooksey passed to Glynn Dyess for 33 yards and a touchdown. Again the try for point was not good.

The last touchdown was set up when Dyess intercepted a Marshall pass on his own 37 and returned it to the Marshall 30. On the next play Cooksey ran around end for the score. Dyess ran for the extra point. The game ended, Pandas 19, Catamounts 0.

DEADY

Pershing romped over Deady 12-7 at the Jr. High Stadium October 11, 1955, to remain unbeaten and untied.

The Pandas finally got their real chance when they took over on downs on their own eight-yard line. Fullback Nelson Wolff went 92 yards for a touchdown, but it was called back to the Deady 38 on a clipping penalty. Two plays later Dick Cooksey went 33 yards for a touchdown. The kick was not good.

Nelson Wolff made a recovery on the Deady 20-yard line. From there Cooksey passed to Fullback Bill Pitcher for the score. The try for the extra point was not good.

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Straight A students for the ninth grade include: Dotty Adams, Judy Bell, Carol Coulter, Carole Cloninger, Dessagene Crawford, Dan Durst, Betty Ellington, Nina Faulknew, Robert French Stephen Engberg, Martha Hansen, Kay Ann Johnson, Merrit Kolodny, Barbara Macow, George Morgan, Donald Murff, Myra Shultz, Carolyn Simms, Janette Tomlinson, Charlie Tirado, Robert Wagner, Anne Weaver, and Jere Wicker.

Students having All A's and 1 B are: Sharon Anderson, Barbara Axelrod, Miki Carlisle, Kay Clark, Nancy Culbertson, Don Edwards, Sue Felder, Suky Fenoglio, Arlan Ferguson, Jimmy Hall, Mary Francis Harris, Patricia Jones, Adele Lewis, Tommy Long, Margaret Moore, Ann Leatherwood, John Parkerson, Jane Ramsey, Carolyn Traupe, Donna Turner, Carol Ann Voss, Carolyn Williams, and Anne Watts.

Ninth graders receiving All A's and 2 B's are: Marty Bradt, Bobby Calloway, Robert Brownlee, Jerry Cohen, Buzzy Creekmore, Anna Clair Chavanne, Sandra Cole, Janis Glanzer, Tommy Henderson, Gebby Long, Donald Mac Laughlin, Janice Novak, Bobby Oakes, Sandra Marshall, Harriet Schaffer, Andy Seidel, and Linda Taylor.

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A PANDA'S LIFE

By Liz Lamkin

My name is Pete. I'm a Panda, a Pershing Panda to be exact. If you'll listen a minute, I've got a story to tell you. I think my story is interesting, and I hope you find it so.

I've been kicked, punched, sat upon, dropped in the mud, cleaned, and dropped again. I've been the object in games of catch, and almost got the fur scared off me! Once, just for pure meanness, I caught myself on a limb. I had more fun watching Honey, my mistress, climb up and get me. But, for all that rough and tough handling, I've lived a very full and wonderful life.

Most of the time, about six days in a week, I live a soft life. I sit on Honey's bed, and watch the world go by.

What a wonderful time I have on that one other day in the week. This is what is known as "Football Day." Every morning on "Football Day," Honey ties a big red bow around my neck, and tells me about the particular game we're going to win. Then she kisses me for good luck, grabs me, and runs out to the car. All the way to school I hear talk of the game.

Then we get to school. Never have you seen so much red and white! These are the school colors, so naturally everyone has to wear them. Lots of the cars have red and white crepe paper streamers all over them. Some of the students are going in cars, but Honey and I are going on the bus.

The buses are the most fun, get sat on, kicked, squashed, and, in general, mangled! Still, on the bus there is cheering and great anticipation. Of course I can't cheer out loud, because some people might not understand a Panda's cheering, but I do to myself.

During the day, excitement runs high. Honey takes me with

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her to all her classes. I consider myself very privileged, because most of my friends get thrown in o locker, with books, lunches, and any other articles that find their way into this small, dark, and very dirty cubby hole.

Anticipation begins a steady climb as soon as the first bell rings, and by the last period, scattered. At last the bell rings! Concentration on school is very What a rush! Everyone scrambles for the buses and tries for a seat. If Honey and I are lucky, we'll get a seat. It's really just as much fun standing up.

When we finally get to the stadium, everyone piles out of the bus and races for the gate. After many "Hi's" and "Hello's" we finally get to our seats. I think the most fun is during the game. This is the only time I get to see all my Panda friends.

In front of the stands is a big paper-mache panda. We, the Pandas, all sit around him and watch the game. We all would love to stand up and cheer, too, but as I said before, people might not understand Pandas doing things like that!

After the game, if we win, we go to an eating place to celebrate. This is really fun. All the football players and cheerleaders are there. All the time the "kids" are eating there is talk about who did what, who made the touchdowns, and so on. Finally we go home.

At home, Honey tells her parents all about the game. Then the family sits down to dinner. I'm forgotten completely, but I really don't mind too much. I've had my share of fun for the day.

When Honey goes to bed after "Football Day", she always kisses me and says, "Bring us good luck next time too, Pete!" So you see, my life is actually not so bad, even with all the rough treatment I get. I love Honey and she loves me. That's what counts!

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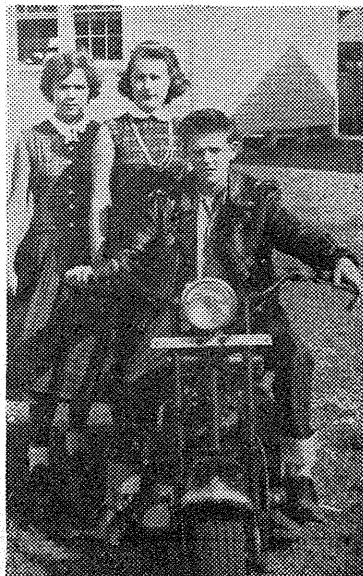
Everyone should think about his future. Did it ever occur to you that you might not have a future?

One never knows when he may contract TB. Do not believe that TB only strikes old people. It can strike young people, teenagers, children and old people.

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Save your future. Have a chest X-Ray and wipe out tuberculosis.



Left to right: Beverly Grimes, Catherine Clonts, and Bert Riley are wearing the latest in fashions.

For cold weather the styles in coat wear are motorcycle jackets and navy coats.

Now, for the skirt and blouse look. The straight skirt is at the top of the list. The gored skirts are coming back into style very rapidly. Jumpers this year are mostly tailored.

As for the shoes, they are loafers with bobbie socks. Color schemes are black and brown, red and green and blue plaids.

The sweaters are worn in sets mostly, also high neck sweaters are very popular.

As for blouses they are the same as last time. Close fitting, long torso blouses, man tailored skirts and baby doll blouses.

The hair is worn long for the feminine look.

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PANDAS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP



Left to right: Julia Sinclair, Linda Collins, and Chuckie Shuman look over Anne Taylor's list of Thanks.

Thanks Are Given In Homes Tomorrow

Tomorrow all the people of the United States will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day.

People may celebrate this Day in different fashions but the sentiment will be the same. All are thankful for the many blessings bestowed upon them and for the chance of living in a free country such as America.

The first Thanksgiving Days were harvest festivals, or days for thanking God for plentiful crops. For this reason the holiday still takes place late in the

fall, after the crops have been gathered.

Families gather together from far and wide at this time to give thanks to God for his many blessings.

All families will not be able to have huge turkey dinners with cranberry sauce and all the trimmings, but we in America try to share our gifts with others. As it is written, "In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

HITT LEADS L-9 CLASS

Larry Hitt is the new L-9 President. Coming from Miss Curson's room Larry has held many honors. He is a Chairman in Spanish and Mixed Chorus.

A member of the Hall Patrol, Larry's favorites include: sport, football; colors, red and blue; food, steak; drink, milk; and subject, Mixed Chorus.

President Larry plans to attend Bellaire High and Southern Methodist University.

The L-9 Vice-President is red-haired Rise Finch in Mrs. La Verne's homeroom.

Her honors are classleader in gym, Chairman in English, Spanish, and Chorus, member of the Honor Society, President of the homeroom, and Secretary of the Future Teachers Club.

Favorites for Rise include: sport, swimming; Color, blue; food, steak; drink, root beer; and subject, Algebra.

Veep Rise plans to attend Lamar and Rice Institute.

Secretary-treasurer of the L-9 is Mark Bowden, also from Miss Curson's room. Mark is on the basketball and swimming team and is in the Varsity Club.

Mark's favorites are: colors, red and white; food, fried chicken; drink, milk; and subject, gym.

A future dentist Mark will attend Bellaire High.

Businessmen See Classes In Action

Thirteen distinguished businessmen from various industries visited Pershing November 16. This date was the annual observance of Business, Industry and Education Day.

This year the businesses visited Pershing and next year Pershing teachers will visit business and industry. These visitation programs are planned to give the businessmen a better and closer view of the schools and to give the teachers a closer look at industry so that both groups may work closer together.

Maps to the school were supplied by Mr. Landers as were booklets on "Your School Is Your Investment." The luncheon was prepared and served by Mrs. Lord's classes to the visiting businessmen and the Faculty Advisory Committee.

Schedules were worked out so that different classes would be visited. Student Council officers acted as guides. The visitors viewed the clinic, office, library, work shops as well as class room.

L-8 DANCE HELD HERE YESTERDAY

Yesterday the L-8 held their dance in the cafeteria. Doughnuts and cokes were served to all.

Popular Mr. Denson led the Grand March. Following him were Martha Hooper, Olga Heizer, Betty Will, Lee Trail, Sydney Smith and Anne Taylor.

All the L-8 students and their registrars want to thank Mrs. D. W. Turner, mother chairman, Mrs. Lord, dance chairman, and Mrs. Leggett, general chairman, for a wonderful time.

Flake Ball To Cooksey Lent Spark Which Led To Victory

The SNOWFLAKE DANCE will be held in the cafeteria on December 9. It will be a formal dance and will be held from 8 to 10:30.

A Queen and two Princesses will be crowned. Nominations must come from the clubs. Tickets are \$.50 and will go on sale Monday, December 5 at all lunch periods. A limit of 600 will be sold, no more.

Candidates and escorts must have an H average in conduct. The campaign will begin on November 28. All material must be approved by the Student Council Executive Committee in the Executive Committee Room at fifth period or after school beginning November 28.

Campaign costs will be limited to \$.50 including two posters and any handbills. Candidates will bring a statement showing the price paid for materials.

Any candidate who does not follow these regulations will be disqualified. All campaign material must be removed by Monday, December 12.

Make your plans to be one of the 600 at the SNOWFLAKE BALL.

P. T. A. Gives Tests Weekly

Mr. John Ratliff, principal, is very proud of the fact that Pershing has the largest P. T. A. membership of all the junior highs in the state of Texas with approximately 3056 parents belonging.

The next P. T. A. meeting will be held on December 15 when a Christmas program will be given. After the Christmas meeting the last meeting of this semester will be on January 10, 1956. The subject for that evening will be "Guidance in the Junior High." Dr. Alberta Baines, director of guidance, will be the speaker.

Every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 9:30 Mr. Ratliff is conducting a "Home Study Course" in the Pershing auditorium.

The purpose of this course is to see if parents and their children think along the same line. The first phase was on November 2. There are six phases in all.

The second phase was a test given to the parents called the Johnson Temperament Analysis. Another test was given to both the parents and the children at the third phase.

Mr. Ratliff said that it seems to be fun. Approximately 250 parents have come to each phase. Many parents are taking the tests again this year who took them before to see if they are closer to their children's line of thinking.

WARREN DILLARD

Pershing won the city football championship Thursday when they beat Lanier 6-0.

In the first quarter Max Emmert recovered a fumble after a punt on the Lanier 38.

Dick Cooksey ran a Lanier punt from the Pershing 40 for the only touchdown of the football game. The try for extra point by Nelson Wolff was no good.

The second quarter ended with Lanier's Jacobi firing homerun passes. They were successfully broken up by Pershing defenders.

Following an aerial drive, Lanier reached Pershing's one yard line. The Pandas held and recovered the ball on downs.

Pershing punted out of trouble, but in the ensuing plays managed to fumble twice with Lanier recovering both fumbles. Dyess intercepted a Lanier pass giving the ball to the Pandas. Time ran out and Pershing won 6-0.

CULLEN

In the first quarter of the Cullen game Dick Cooksey scored after returning a punt to the Cullen 33 yard line. The try for extra point was not good.

In the second quarter Cullen kicked from the Pershing 41 yard line, but Cooksey returned from the 12 for a touchdown. The try for point after touchdown was again no good.

During the third quarter Nelson Wolff scored from the Cullen 8 yard line. The extra point try was good.

The final touchdown was made by Mark Bowden and the extra point try was good. The final

score was 26-0 in favor of Pershing.

WASHINGTON

In the first quarter the Pandas regained the ball on the Washington 43 yard line. We were forced to kick but a recovery led to a touchdown by Max Emmert. The try for extra point was good.

Washington scored in the second quarter. Regaining the ball on the Washington 34 yard line and with little more than ten seconds to go Mark Bowden threw a pass to Glen Dyess for another touchdown. The kick was good.

Washington punted to the Pershing 10 yard line in the fourth quarter, but a 60 yard run by Dyess set up things for Dick Cooksey to score.

Washington scored again in the last two minutes of play bringing the final score to 27-14 Pershing. JACKSON

Pershing had to settle for a 0-0 tie with Jackson Wednesday, October 26 in the High School Stadium.

Although the game was scoreless the boys played a mighty fine game against a strong defensive team. Our defense was equally strong. Outstanding on defense were Hugh Looney, Gordon Scarborough, and John O'Heeron.

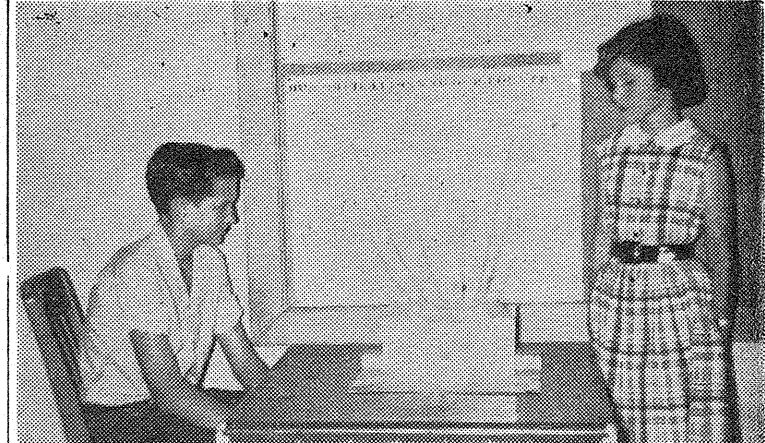
MARSHALL

In the Junior High Stadium Wednesday, October 19 Pershing won over Marshall to remain unbeaten and untied.

In the early minutes of the game Dick Cooksey went 60 yards for a touchdown. The try for the extra point was not good.

As play progressed with no

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Left to right: John Kreigel and Diana Dickinson view one of the displays seen in Mrs. Smiths room during open house.

2100 PARENTS VISITED SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE

Over 2100 parents attended this year's Open House held November 3 and 4.

The teachers talked about their subjects, explaining about home work and assignments. The rooms were decorated with outstanding work of students.

Mr. Ratliff complimented Mrs. Smith on a poster in her room made by Jackie Nanson. Two of Mrs. Moses' students, Kenny

Manning and Charles Aschbacher, set off a miniature volcano for the startled parents.

Many parents were tired after following their child's program. All parents returned to the homeroom after the schedule was completed for refreshments.

The student body and the faculty want to thank the parents for showing their interest in the students of Pershing.